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STATE OF UTAH
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Suite 1210
P. O. Box 145801
1594 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah
ATTN: D. Wayne Hedberg

Dear Sir:

This letter is written in response to your certified letters dated June 21st and August 9th of this year.

We believe this is part of an on-going attempt to shut down our or any other operation on this part of the Dolores River.

During the slightly more than four years that we have been working on the site we have moved less than 1000 tons of material. The area of our disturbance has been within the confines of the five acres near the steel building. Any work of any kind that we have done outside of this area has been to comply specifically with Mr. Sal Venticinque's (BLM office in Moab) and your office's requirement to perform some reclamation work including cleaning up a trailer park site on top of the hill which necessitated the disturbance of ground in order to remove the buried pipes. That should not be included as part of our mining operation.

If we need to take this matter before Judge Switzer, we will be happy to do so and will require that we be permitted to review any information including any pictures or videos that relate to the condition of the property both before we obtained permits and began operations and subsequent to our arrival on the site.

We are trying to maintain a viable operation within the requirements of BLM and the State of Utah and want to cooperate but feel that we are trying to be shut down without justification.

Thank you for help and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Dale G. Snyder Managing Partner AUG 1 6 1999

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